

What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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Newsletter #37:

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I hope you all had a good week. The calamities around the U.S. have been a little overwhelming and close to home in regard to the fires in California. Some of our dealer friends are out there so I am sending them all my thoughts and prayers. The next week is going to be extremely busy so I'll get down to it. First a few housekeeping things:

Paying Shanna Schmidt Bills by PayPal (PLEASE READ!)

After over a year of doing business with PayPal they suddenly decided to put a "temporary" hold on any money that I receive up to \$55,000. The reason is that I am "high risk". In other words they have no idea what I sell or care to understand. This essentially means that to ensure that my transactions go through they will hold an arbitrary amount of money in reserve in the event someone cancels a sale. The only problem is that they want to hold the money for 6 months or longer! So I hope you all will understand that I will no longer be accepting PayPal payments. As a small business owner I can't afford to have your money locked up for that long without earning a penny of interest. It seems illegal to me and when I have time I might look into the legality of it. For the moment please do not send me any money by PayPal.

I will gladly accept check, wire, cash (if at a trade show and under \$10,000) or credit card (I use Square).

New Shipping Address

This will not apply to the majority of you but in the next week my shipping address for checks or coins will change. If you send me a payment please send it to:

Shanna Schmidt Num. Inc.
805 Lake Street, PMB #321
Oak Park, IL 60301-1301

I'm certain that they will forward mail for a time and I will remind people if they purchase something from me but please make a note of it.

51 Gallery (October 19)

51 Gallery is next Wednesday and I have coordinated to be on the phone with them throughout the Greek section. I will NOT be viewing the coins so if you are shy about bidding without viewing beforehand this is not the auction to participate in with me. I will say that many of these coins have been in previous auctions so there is a possibility to see those very coins in old catalogs if you are able to get your hands on them. I welcome your bids so please get in touch with me soon if you need help.

Switzerland Trip (Oct 19-26) and catalogs for Nomos, NAC, Leu and Sincona

I will be arriving in Zurich on October 20th and will go straight to viewing for Nomos. I will try to view all of Nomos and NAC first. On the 21st I will go back to viewing and attempt to view Sincona and Leu.

The schedule for the auctions is Nomos (Oct 22), Sincona (Oct 23), NAC (Oct 24) and Leu (Oct 25). I will be on the floor and available for live bidding. If you have interest in any of these auctions please contact me with bids you want viewed and I'll take it from there. I'm looking forward to a successful trip.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

KINGS of THRACE, Macedonian. Lysimachos. 305-281 BC

Alexandreia Troas, c. 297/6-282/1 BC. AR Tetradrachm, 17.11g (28.5mm, 12h).
Diademed head of the deified Alexander right, with horn of Ammon / Athena Nikephoros seated left, left arm resting on shield, transverse spear in background; ME monogram to inner left, ΘE monogram in exergue

Price: \$4,250

Lysimachos' father served in the court of Philip II of Macedon (father of Alexander III, the Great). It is assumed that Lysimachos and Alexander knew each other and studied together at the same time. In any case, Lysimachos became deeply connected with Alexander and eventually served as one of his bodyguards. After Alexander's death, Lysimachos was given the title of 'strategos' or army leader/general for the area of Thrace. Aside from difficulties with the surrounding tribal people of northern Thrace, the Odrysians, Lysimachos held this post without issue.

In 315 BC, along with some of the other Diadochi, Lysimachus helped to murder Antigonos Monophthalmus ('the one-eyed') who held most of Asia Minor and Syria. With this murder, a marked increase in power for Lysimachus was realized. Before that time he really was just a defender of the northern border of the Graeco-Macedonian world. After the death of Antigonos he acquired more land in Asia Minor and took the name of King.

This coin was struck in the town of Alexandreia Troas. Prior to being named Alexandreia Troas, the town was called Antigonía Troas due to its re-founding by Antigonos I in 306 BC

(the original name was Sigeia). After Antigonos' death, Lysimachos took the northern coastal Turkish city and honoring his friend and former leader Alexander the Great, renamed the city.

References: Thompson 156; Meadows, Earliest 13, dies O8/R20; Müller –
Grade: Good VF, toned. High relief. Rare

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website
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Until next week!
Shanna



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